



## VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC FEVERS

**Agent Overview:**

The causative agents of Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers are a group of viruses known to cause severe, frequently fatal human infections. They are also known to cause aerosol-transmitted laboratory infections. These viruses (examples: Ebola, Lassa, Marburg, etc.) require BioSafety Level 4 facilities for analysis.

**Lab Specimen Submittal:**

Authorization by Dr. Jane Getchell, DPHL director, Christina Pleasanton, DPHL deputy director, or Dr. Jack Liou, bioterrorism coordinator.

**Type of Specimens  
Necessary for Testing:**

Collect 10 – 12 cc of serum (red/black top tube)

**Packaging Instructions:**

Must be packed in unbreakable double containers and submitted to DPHL. DPHL will ship specimens to CDC for testing.

**Receiving Specimens  
by DPHL:**

Authorized specimens are accepted at the back of the building by the loading dock. Submitter must present ID and complete proper forms.

**Handling of Specimens:**

Specimens may be kept at room temperature during transport for up to two hrs. After two hours, the serum must be refrigerated in a cooler (or frozen) until delivered to the laboratory.

**Reporting Results:**

CDC will notify DPHL as soon as possible.

**Contact Information:**

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